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PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT PENYRHEOL COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ON THURSDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Present :**

**Chair**

Cllr W H Allen

**Community Councillors**

S Dickens, G Ead, P Owen-Griffiths, J Scriven, S J Skivens,  
S L Skivens, L Whittle

Clerk to the Council - Mrs Helen Treherne

65. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs S ap Hywel and T ap Hywel.

66. **MINUTES OF MEETING**

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017, having been previously circulated, were considered. The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

67. **MATTERS ARISING**

- (a) The Clerk gave an update on the list of items from the previous meeting that she had been asked to raise with Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (b) A reply had been received from CCCB re : concerns about part-time lights on the Pwllypant roundabout. CCBC provided a link to their website. (Minutes 20.07.17, item 49 (e))

RESOLVED – Noted

- (c) A reply had been received from CCBC re : taxis parking outside Penyrheol Community Centre and that this was a Police matter. (Minutes 20.07.17, item 49 (h)).

RESOLVED – Noted

68. **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS**

**Declarations of Interest – Public Register**

The Clerk reminded Members that it is their responsibility and duty to declare any interest they may have in matters that come before meetings of the Community Council.

Cllr G Ead declared a personal interest in item 72 (b) – friends.

Cllr P Owen-Griffiths declared a personal interest in item 72 (d) – friends.

RESOLVED – Noted (to comply with requirements of the Local Government Act 2000)

69. **POLICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

Inspector Gavin Clifton, PC Richard Tovey and PCSO Katrina Hadji-Aghalar were in attendance and Inspector Clifton introduced himself. Several incidents had occurred at the Top Shops in Penyrheol, including criminal damage, work had continued on this over the summer and one person had been arrested. The Positive Futures programme had been introduced, which was a sport and activity-based inclusion programme. Inspector Clifton urged residents to report anti-social behavior, but Cllr S Dickens said that some residents were wary or afraid of reporting people. A public spaces protection order was being looked into, which would give community wardens the power to give fixed penalty fines. It was asked whether CCTV cameras were in operation at the site. Chairman to get quotes for CCTV cameras to be erected at the Top Shops.

Cllr S Skivens said the drug problem in Penyrheol appeared to be getting worse. Inspector Clifton said that if residents rang the Police, or rang Crimestoppers, with names etc, Gwent Police would investigate. People can ring Crimestoppers anonymously and do not have to give their names.

RESOLVED – Chairman to get quotes for CCTV and report back to next meeting

70. **LAND AT GWAUN GLEDYR – PRESENTATION**

Mr Mark Roberts from Barton Wilmott was in attendance with two colleagues to give a presentation on the proposed building of 220 new houses on the Gwaun Gledyr site. Included in this would be 88 affordable housing homes. Mature hedgerows and trees would be retained within the development. The site did not contain or adjoin any listed buildings, conservation areas or scheduled ancient monument. Access would be off Old Nantgarw Road.

Cllr L Whittle said that he was totally opposed to the proposed development and said that, although there would be 88 affordable housing homes, what was considered as affordable? Also, he asked the question why developers were so keen to build within the Caerphilly basin, when there was plenty of brownfield sites further up the valley, which could do with more investment. He said that he would not be supporting this development.

Cllr S Skivens said that the infrastructure within Caerphilly basin could not sustain any more housing, roads could not take any more traffic and that surgeries, schools, dentists etc were full. He also said there did not appear to be liaison between different local authorities with regards to their local development plans.

It was unanimously agreed that this development would not be supported by local Community Councillors.

The Chairman thanked the visitors for their time and was informed that they would go away with everyone's comments and look into some of the concerns expressed at the meeting.

RESOLVED – not to support the housing development

71. **WHQS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME**

Cllr Whittle said that a list of potential projects would be submitted to the WHQS panel for consideration in October, including the skate park project, parking issues, play facilities, park facilities etc.

RESOLVED - Noted

72. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered :

- (a) 17/0636/FULL – 61 Blaen Ifor, Caerphilly CF83 2NW  
- Erect attached garage and store to side of property
- (b) 17/0703/FULL – 31 Gelli'r Felin, Caerphilly CF83 2LF  
- Erect single and double storey rear extensions  
Cllr G Ead declared an interest in this item and took no further part in discussions/decisions
- (c) 17/0734/FULL – 27 Denbigh Court, Hendredenny, Caerphilly CF83 2UN  
- Erect two storey side extension
- (d) 17/0736/FULL – 64 Drum Tower View, Caerphilly Cf83 2XW  
- Erect a single storey rear extension  
Cllr P Owen-Griffiths declared an interest in this item and took no further part in discussions/decisions

The above planning applications/appeals were considered by the Council.

RESOLVED – in the general interest of the community that :

having been previously circulated to Members and having received no comments or objections in respect of applications (a), (b), (c) and (d), the Clerk's action in informing the Planning Authority that the Council does not wish to make any comments or raise any objections to the application be noted.

73. **MEMBERS ITEMS**

(a) **Various**

The Clerk gave an update of matters that have been resolved and matters that are still under discussion with CCBC.

RESOLVED – Noted

(b) **Various**

The Clerk requested Members to advise her of any matters they have previously requested to be raised with CCBC that are still unresolved or outstanding.

The Clerk advised Members that if they report any matters to the Customer Care Line of CCBC that they obtain the log number as this is very important in following up matters.

RESOLVED – Noted

(c) **Various**

Cllr G Ead asked if the Clerk could meet with new Community Councillors to discuss any issues/questions they may have and to explain some of the items being brought up at meetings.

RESOLVED – Clerk to arrange meeting

- (d) Cllr J Scriven reported that he was in the process of preparing a press release regarding the problems on the Common and that this was now a Wales-wide issue regarding access to common land, who polices common land etc? He would also be preparing a press release on the issue regarding lack of buses to the Royal Gwent Hospital.

RESOLVED – Noted

74 **REPORTS ON MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

a) **Various**

Cllr W H Allen reported that he had attended :

Visit to Cwm Ifor Primary School;  
Visit to Hendre Junior School;  
Meeting at Ty Penallta;  
Meeting at St Andrews Church;  
Penyrheol Community Centre meeting;  
Two sets of interviews for community centre caretaker job;

b) Cllr J Scriven reported that he had attended :

Residents' meeting.

c) Cllr S Skivens reported that he had attended :

Groeswen Chapel anniversary service;  
Event in Morgan Jones Park.

75. **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

The Clerk asked if anyone would be available to meet the nominee for the Youth Ambassador vacancy. Cllr S Skives and Cllr G Ead agreed to meet with her.

RESOLVED – Clerk to arrange date to meet nominee

76. **SUMMER PLAYSCHMES**

The Clerk reported that the playscheme in Penyrheol had been another brilliant success, but that she had had problems with staff in the Trecenydd playscheme and she felt that this was due to the new rules on playworkers having to have the Playwork Level 2 qualification, but not many people had this. Trecenydd playscheme had been inspected and the Clerk would submit the inspection report to the next meeting. The Clerk would also arrange a playscheme sub-committee to discuss these issues and to discuss registration day for next year's playschemes.

RESOLVED – Clerk to submit inspectin report to next meeting  
and to arrange sub-committee meeting

77. **PURCHASE OF DEFIBRILLATORS**

The Clerk reported that the defibrillators were on order and the cabinets had been received. A training date would now need to be arranged and the defibrillators would be delivered by Welsh Hearts at that training event.

RESOLVED – Clerk to arrange suitable training date

78. **NEWSLETTER**

The Clerk reported that items for the next newsletter would be required by the beginning of October. She gave a list of newsletter articles that would be going into the next edition and asked Councillors for ideas for articles.

RESOLVED – Noted

79. **SKATE PARK**

The proposal for the skate park would be going to the next WHQS panel in October.

RESOLVED – Noted

80. **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

The Clerk asked if Councillors wanted to do the Santa event in Penyrheol and Treceenydd again this year and this was agreed. The Clerk was asked if she could ask Caerphilly Male Voice Choir to do some Christmas songs at the concert. The Clerk would arrange a date for the sub-committee to meet to discuss further details re : the Christmas events.

RESOLVED – Clerk to arrange sub-committee meeting

81. **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Press Items**

The Clerk outlined press cuttings of interest that affected the Council's area.

RESOLVED – Noted

(b) **Caerphilly County Borough Council**

Email received from CCBC re : White Paper consultation on “Services fit for the future”.

RESOLVED – Noted

(c) **General correspondence**

Email received from One Voice Wales re : annual conference and AGM on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

RESOLVED – Noted

Email received from Planning Aid Wales re : ‘An Introduction to Planning’ course on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017. It was agreed that Cllrs G Ead and S Dickens would like to attend this course. The fee of £35 per Councillor was agreed.

RESOLVED – Noted

Email received from Gwent Police re : an enforcement day on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

RESOLVED – Noted

Email received from Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner re : Welsh Government's approach to the future of community safety in Wales on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

RESOLVED – Noted

Email received from Aber Valley Heritage re : Universal Colliery  
Disaster Memorial Service on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

RESOLVED – Chairman to lay attend and lay floral  
tribute

82. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATIONS**

No acknowledgements had been received.

83. **DONATIONS**

(a) Eisteddfod y Cymoedd

RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of  
£300 be approved

(b) Caerphilly Chorus

RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of  
£150 be approved

(c) GAVO – half term activity

RESOLVED – in the interest of benefit to the community that a donation of  
£15 per head be approved

84. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER**

The following payments were approved by the Council :

- (a) Clerk's salary – September 2017
- (b) Clerk's expenses – September 2017;
- (c) Inland Revenue – September 2017;
- (d) Members' expenses – September 2017;
- (e) Elsbury – purchase of Christmas lights - £11,976
- (f) CCBC – recharge for election - £5,074.75;
- (g) CCBC – marking of Trecenydd football pitch - £129.45
- (h) CCBC – supply and installation of bench in Trecenydd park - £815
- (i) Purchase of three defibrillators and cabinets - £4,322.06;
- (j) Annual insurance - £1,463.04.

Bank reconciliation : Current account - £3582.59; Deposit account - £1967.48;  
14-day account - £63,285.38.

85. **ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT MEETING**

Budgets.

RESOLVED – Noted

86. **NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October  
2017

**PLEASE NOTE**

Should there be any queries relating to these minutes would Members kindly contact the Clerk.